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GARCIA-BLANCO et al

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RECEPTOR 2 mRNA IN PROSTATE CANCER

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DECLARATION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

We, Mariano A. Garcia-Blanco, and Russ P. Carstens, do
hereby declare and state as follows.

1. We are the co-inventors of the subject matter claimed
in the above application.

2. We are, together with James V. Eaton, Hannah R. Krigman and Philip J. Walther, co-authors of an article in Oncogene (15:3059 (1997)) entitled "Alternative Splicing of Fibroblast Growth Factor Receptor 2 (FGF-R2) in Human Prostate Cancer". To the extent that the article discloses or suggests the present invention, that invention is our own.

3. The contributions of James V. Eaton, Hannah R. Krigman and Philip J. Walther to the subject matter of the above-referenced Oncogene article can be summarized as follows:

- i) James V. Eaton carried out studies described in the Oncogene article at the direction and under the supervision of one or both of us;
- ii) Hannah R. Krigman provided the pathology analyses presented in the Oncogene article;
- iii) Philip J. Walther provided the animals and tumors used in studies described in the Oncogene article.

4. The contributions of the above-referenced individuals warranted their inclusion as co-authors on the Oncogene article. However, these individuals did not make a conceptual contribution to the invention claimed in the above-identified application.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the

United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Further, declarants sayeth not.

Signed this 2nd day of August, 2002.

M. A. Garcia-Blanco
Mariano A. Garcia-Blanco

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2002.

Russ P. Carstens



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1. We are the co-inventors of the subject matter claimed
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2. We are, together with Wallace L. McKeehan, co-authors
of an article in Molecular and Cellular Biology (18(4):2205
(1998)) entitled "An Intronic Sequence Element Mediates Both
Activation and Repression of Rat Fibroblast Growth Factor
Receptor 2 Pre-mRNA Splicing". To any extent that the article
may be viewed to disclose or suggest the present invention, that
invention is our own.

3. The contribution of Wallace L. McKeehan to the subject matter of the above-referenced Molecular and Cellular Biology article can be summarized as follows.

Wallace McKeehan provided the DT3 and AT3 rat prostate carcinoma cell lines used in the studies described in the article.

4. The contribution of Wallace McKeehan warranted his inclusion as co-author on the Molecular and Cellular Biology article. However, this individual did not make a conceptual contribution to the invention claimed in the above-identified application.

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Signed this day of , 2002.

Mariano A. Garcia-Blanco

Signed this 12th day of August, 2002.

Russ P. Carstens